

## Wednesday September 1, 2010

### Agenda

- Warm up #3 (sharks)
- Correct Spelling workbook
- Correct Reading workbook

### Homework Log

- Read Miss Alaineus



### **What you missed if you were absent yesterday...**

- Warm up #2
- Vocabulary
- Read Story

### Homework Log

- Spelling workbook  
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- Reading workbook  
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## SHARKS

Mention the word *shark* to someone on the beach and you are bound to get a reaction. Sharks have been the most feared predator of the ocean. Sharks are fish. They have been around since the time of dinosaurs. They can be found in oceans all over the world, and they have also been found in some rivers and lakes.

One difference between most other fish and a shark is that most fish have bones and a shark has cartilage. Cartilage is tough, but it is not as strong as bone. Another difference is that the shark is only able to swim forward, while most fish can swim forwards and backwards. Fish also generally have slippery scales, while a shark has rough scales that feel like sandpaper.

There are many different types of shark. In fact, there are about 368 different types. The differences include color, habitat, behavior, and size. Sharks are also known for their very sharp teeth. They do not use their teeth to chew their food. Instead they swallow large chunks of food. They have five rows of teeth. If a tooth is broken, it is replaced by another tooth.

Sharks are carnivores, meaning that they eat meat. Sharks do not normally attack people. It seems like sharks attack people a lot, but the chances of getting stung by a bee or getting hit by lightning are greater. Even so, experts say it is important to keep an eye out for sharks when swimming in the ocean.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Sharks are greatly feared by humans because they . . .
  - a. are good swimmers.
  - b. are the right size.
  - c. are carnivores.
  - d. eat only plants.
2. According to the passage, how are sharks different from most other fish?
  - a. They do not have scales.
  - b. They are camouflaged
  - c. They are slow moving.
  - d. They are not able to swim backwards.
3. Why did the author include the first paragraph?
  - a. to generally introduce sharks
  - b. to clear up misconceptions about sharks
  - c. to generate questions about sharks
  - d. to identify the food eaten by sharks
4. The best way to find the answer to the previous question is to . . .
  - a. reread the entire passage.
  - b. reread the first paragraph and determine the main idea.
  - c. look for the words *shark* and *habitat*.
  - d. reread the fourth paragraph and determine the main idea.

Attachments

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